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SUBJECT: MACHEL RENEWS CALL FOR PROTRACTED ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE

1. IN LONG AND RAMBLING SPEECH TO RAILWAY AND PORT WORKERS IN BEIRA MARCH 23 REPORTED INPRESS MARCH 26) PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON THE RHODESIAN QUESTION. AFTER CONDEMNING THE SMITH REGIME AND PREDICTING CERTAIN VICTORY FOR THE NATIONALISTS, MACHEL RETURNED TO A FAMILIAR THEME: THE VIRTUES OF ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE IN ZIMBABWE THROUGH PROTRACTED STRUGGLE.

2. MACHEL SAID "THE LONGER IT TAKES TO WAGE THE WAR IN ZIMBABWE, THE BETTER. THE REFOLUTION IS GOING TO BE RADICALIZED, THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE GOING TO BE MORE UNITED. THEY ARE GOING TO BETTER DEFINE THE ENEMY." MACHEL SAID THAT FRELIMO'S

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EXPERIENCE HAD PROVEN THIS. IF THE STRUGGLE IS PROTRACTED, "IMPERIALISM WILL LOSE CONTROL OF ZIMBABWE. ZIMBABWE WILL LEAVE THE ORBIT OF IMPERIALISM." MACHEL THEN DECLARED THAT "IF IMPERIALISTS WERE SMART," THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO BRING THE STRUGGLE TO AN END BEFORE THE PEOPLE BECAME RADICALIZED.

3. MACHEL STATED THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE DEMANDING

INDEPENDENCE, BUT THEY ARE NOT YET DEMANDING ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.
THAT WILL COME, HE SAID: "WHAT WILL BE IN ZIMBABWE IS WHAT THERE
IS HERE IN MOZAMBIQUE."DE PREE

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